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SUBJECT: GISCARD'S NOV. 12 FIGARO INTERVIEW:

IMPLEMENTING CSCE

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1. TOWARD END OF LONG EXCHANGE ON FRANCE'S VIEWS ON DETENTE AND ON SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO IDEOLOGICAL DETENTE, GISCARD'S FIGARO INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 12 (REFTELS) TURNED BRIEFLY TO CSCE.

2. ASKED IF GISCARD REALLY EXPECTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO FREE CIRCULATION OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, GISCARD FLATLY SAID, "NO. ONE HAS TO BE FRANK TO ADMIT THAT." THE OBJECT OF DETENTE IS NOT TO ATTEMPT TO MODIFY THE SYSTEM OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE POINT IS TO FACILITATE NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH THEM. DETENTE MAY CAUSE THESE SYSTEMS TO EVOLVE, BUT IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT TO FORCE CHANGE EITHER ON THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM OR ON OURS. /WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CODE OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS TO DIMINISH THE RISKS OF WAR AND TO REPLACE THEM WITH A DIALOGUE. THIS GISCARD CONCLUDED WOULD NOT BE A NEGLIGIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

3. COMMENT: GISCARD'S BLUNT ADMISSION THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT SIGNIFICANT CSCE PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY ON BASKET III ISSUES, TENDS TO CONFIRM DEGREE FRENCH DISILLUSIONMENT OVER SOVIET REFUSAL TO MAKE HARDLY ANY SIGNIFICANT CSCE CONCESSIONS DURING GISCARD'S TRIP. IN NOW BLUNTLY DEFLATING PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS IN THIS REGARD, WHILE CONTINUING TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF IDEOLOGICAL DETENTE, GISCARD IS A) REMOVING ONEPOINT CONTENTION WITH MOSCOW; B) IS CUTTING HIS OWN LOSSES ON CSCE EFFORTS HE HAS MADE; WHILE C) HANGING ON FIRMLY TO THE MORE ESSENTIAL ISSUE IMPLICIT HIS INSISTENCE THAT TO BE MEANINGFUL DETENTE MUST BE POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY PROCESS.
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